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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PN CU ETRN PFOR

SUBJ: EXPRESS BOATS ARRIVE

1. MORNING PRESS APRIL 25 CARRIES FONOFF COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING ARRIVAL OF JOHNNY EXPRESS AND LAYLA EXPRESS AT LAS MINAS BAY, COLON PROVINCE, PANAMA. COMMUNIQUE READS AS FOLLOWS:  
" THE PANAMA- FLAG SHIPS JOHNNY EXPRESS AND LAYLA EXPRESS ARRIVED TODAY, APRIL 24 AT LAS MINAS BAY. THE VESSELS HAD BEEN HELD BY THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA ON CHARGES OF HAVING BEEN USED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THAT COUNTRY. THE CUBAN AUTHORITIES TURNED OVER THE SHIPS TO THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER 1972, AND, AFTER UNDERGOING MINOR REPAIRS, HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR COUNTRY BY MEMBERS OF MARINE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD. THE TWO SHIPS ARE BEING HELD AT THE ORDERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL."

2. ALL PAPERS EXCEPT ENGLISH LANGUAGE STAR # HERALD LIMITED REPORTS TO COMMUNIQUE TEXT. STAR & HERALD ADDED COLOR AND DETAILS INCLUDING STATEMENT " THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS STIPULATED THAT SHIPS ARE TO REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT."  
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